

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

"BROKERAGE OFFICE OF BAKER AND MORGAN" - commodity brokerage exchange

~~office - present use:~~

AND/OR COMMON

Barber Shop in the front portion and rear is private.

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

11 East Bel Air Avenue

First

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Aberdeen, Md. 21001

VICINITY OF

Harford

STATE

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. William S. Pagan

Telephone #: 273-6368

STREET &amp; NUMBER

11 E. Bel Air Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Aberdeen, Md. 21001

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Registry of Deeds, ETC. Harford County Court House

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Registry of Deeds

Bel Air, Md. 21014

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Liber #: 1115

Folio #: 66

p. 2098

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE KNOWN EXCEPT AS LISTED IN SUPRA 5

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

HA-1740

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Feb. 14, 1980, Grantors: Margaret D. Stidman  
Grantees: Wm. E. Fagan and Louise M. Fagan  
(Official firstly description as included in deed dated May 20, 1947 from Elizabeth P. Beachboard to Aaron J. Hutner and Lorna H. Samuels, recorded, Land records of Harford Co. GCB No. 306, Folio 57)

Liber HDC No. 1104, Folio 22 from Thomas F. Gebhart and Ruth C. Gebhart (grantors) to Margaret D. Stidman, Sept. 12, 1979.

Sept. 12, 1979 Thomas F. Gebhart and Ruth C. Gebhart (grantors) to Margaret D. Stidman, (grantee), Deed of June 6, 1951, Liber GCB No. 357, Folio 596 - Aaron J. Hutner and Lorna H. Samuels (grantors) and Thomas F. Gebhart and Ruth C. Gebhart (grantees).

June 6, 1951 by Aaron J. Hutner (widower) and Lorna H. Samuels and Richard K. Samuels to Thomas F. Gebhart and Ruth C. Gebhart  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre described in deed to Elizabeth P. Beachboard to A. J. Hutner and L. H. Samuels dated May 20, 1947, Liber G.C.B. No. 306, Folio 57.

May 20, 1947, Eliz. P. Beachboard to A.J. Hutner and L.H. Samuels, three certain lots as described in deed from Joseph D. Neff to A.J. Hutner, dated July 6, 1932, Liber SWC No. 223, Folio 536.

July 6, 1932 from Joseph D. Neff to A.J. Hutner as described in Liber JAR No. 171, Folio 77 dated June 21, 1920.

June 12, 1920 by Wm. E. Morgan and P. Tevis Baker and Frank E. Baker, Executors to A. J. Hutner, Adolph Einhorn and J.D. Neff (A.J. Hutner & Co.). Same ground purchased by Chas. W. Baker and Wm. E. Morgan from T. Littleton Hanway incorrectly described in deed dated Apr. 1, 1889, Liber No. 64, Folio 392.

Apr. 1, 1889 by T.L. Hanway and Eliz. A. Hanway to Chas.W. Baker and Wm. E. Morgan land as described in deed from John M. James and Mary R. James to John M. Hanna, dated Sept. 30, 1882, Liber ALJ No. 47, Folio 31.

From John M. James and Mary R. James to Henry W. Archer and John A. Hanna as described in deed dated June 13, 1879 39./298.

39/298 dated June 13, 1879 from Wm. M. Elliott, and wife to John M. James, three lots from "Halls Park" (5,7 and 8) on plat by John S. Young.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** - This building is a unique example of an early commercial building in Aberdeen. It's false front, longitudinal plan and central location next to the train tracks and proximity to the town center lead one to believe that it has always been used for both commercial and residential purposes.

The false front of the building, similar to those found on commercial buildings in the western United States can be dated at about the middle of the 19th century.

Historically, this building was once the brokerage office of Baker & Morgan; (History of Aberdeen, 1976, p. 14) The fact that this structure still stands is important because many of the buildings in the business section were destroyed by fire of 1918 and contributes to the distinctive character of the main street.

The building sits on a plot of land to the East of the Penn Central RR tracks which at this point run from Northeast to Southwest, front of building faces South. Single story structure, three bay wide false front that is approx. 7½ yds wide. This facade, covered with stucco embedded with small bits and pieces of colored glass and stone with no foundation visible. The front is regular and directly on the ground with four square doric pilasters covered with stucco, a centrally located door with sidelights, topped by a wooden pediment. The windows have been altered. A horizontal wooden cornice tops the columns and stretches across the front of the bldg. like a belt course. Above the central door in one of three symmetrical divisions is a rectangular wooden vent.

The East side runs parallel to a small alley, 24 yds. back with a 6 yrd. addition at the end, with a small amount of foundation visible. Two small wooden porches on which are two wooden ionic columns supporting eyebrow hood as a roof. The fenestration is rather irregular with 8 windows in numerous sizes and panes.

The North facade appears to be an addition fairly new. The gable end roof line is lower than that of the front which at this end has an interior end brick chimney. Cement steps lead up to the door on the East side. A window to the right of the single door sits above a brick sill with 6/6 fenestrations.

The West facade, has 12 windows with irregular fenestration. Overall, this structure is very plain but is identified with very early Aberdeen.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

"HISTORY OF ABERDEEN, MARYLAND" by Richard F. Cronin published by the Bicentennial Committee of Aberdeen, 1976.  
"OUR HARFORD HERITAGE" by C. Milton Wright published by the French Bay Publishing Co., 1980.  
"HARFORD COUNTY SOCIETY HISTORIC BULLETIN" No. 8, Spring Edition, 1983.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .17 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

ABERDEEN HISTORIC SURVEY/RESTORATION  
ORGANIZATION

July 12, 1983  
DATE

ABERDEEN TOWN COUNCIL  
STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

ABERDEEN, MD. 21001  
CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

## 1. NAME

COMMON:

Stros (Strasbaugh's Brokerage House)

Strasbaugh's Brokerage house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

## 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

South Bel Air Avenue, east side, just south of

CITY OR TOWN:

Aberdeen

the Penn Central Railroad tracks.

STATE

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY:

Harford

CODE

## 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY  
(Check One)District ☐☒ Building ☐Site ☐☐ Structure ☐Object ☐

OWNERSHIP

Public ☐☒ Private ☐Both ☐

Public Acquisition:

In Process ☐Being Considered ☐

STATUS

☒ Occupied ☐Unoccupied ☐Preservation work  
in progress ☐ACCESSIBLE  
TO THE PUBLIC

Yes:

☒ Restricted ☐Unrestricted ☐No: ☐

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural ☐Government ☐Park ☐Transportation ☐Comments ☐☒ Commercial ☐Industrial ☐Private Residence ☐Other (Specify) ☐Educational ☐Military ☐Religious ☐Entertainment ☐Museum ☐Scientific ☐

## 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

William Strasbaugh

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER:

HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

CITY OR TOWN:

BEL AIR

STATE

40 S. MAIN ST

CODE

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

## 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

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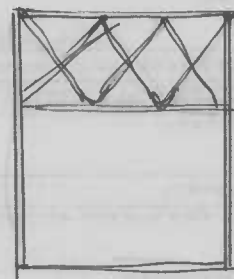
DATE

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
				Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

One-story brick office building, square, 3 bays by 3 under a stone hip roof. Facing south, a small portico shelters the central door, windows on the south and east sides have sashes of unequal size, small panes above and one pane below as sketched. Windows on the west side of the house, <sup>about 20 yards from the</sup> ~~east side of the house~~ east train of the Penn Central main line south, are boarded up.



## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☒15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐lasophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This was built for the brokerage office of William Strobaugh at the beginning of the period of great prosperity of the canning industry in Aberdeen, about 1890-1900.

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Jon Harlan Liverzey at his office 14 May 71.  
 The Harford County Directory pp 65-71

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
JEAN S. EWING		
ORGANIZATION	DATE	
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
50 STATE		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
ANNAPOLIS	MARYLAND	

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_





Survey # 1740

11 E. Bel Air Ave.

Front and Side

North

Gloria Kaminski

May 1983



Survey # 1740

11 E. Bel Air Ave.

Back and side

South

Gloria Kaminski

May 1983